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COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

SUBJECT :

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Jewish Refugees from Eastern Europe

U. C.
LIERIES ;
UNITED
CO-OPERATORS.
U. COLLEGIUM &
CONSERVATORY.

SIMONS — SOCIAL — SERVICE
REPRESENTING

UNIVERSAL - COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM — PALESTINE

ADDRESS
C. F. SIMONS,
TRUSTEE U. C.
JERUSALEM, PALESTINE
CHEQUES CROSSED
TO BARCLAY'S BANK

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

IMMIGRATION OFFICE

MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA.

Your kind communication came to hand for which we thank You;

We have a large number of Agriculturists and Domestics who desire to settle in Australia, what are the exact conditions under which these people may be admitted ? What offers can Your Government make to Co-operative Farming Groupes who wish to settle in Australia ? Under what rules & regulations may be granted admittance to Trades & Proffessional men ?

Our society is willing to deposit a thousand pounds as guarantee fund in a Australian Bank to assure your Government of worthy and able settlers, or we shall pay Your Government a stupulated sum for each head admitted to the Commonwealth for the creation of a deportation fund for such who prove themself undesire able.

However these are only sugestions for a practical solution of any difficulties that may arise. We would like to comply with any regulations made by your Government to give worthy subjects an opportunity of settling in the Commonwealth, before stagnation in Palestine & Europe has made them unfit for humane society. Trusting that You may give us full details in regard to the above queries and call the attention of our appeal to the highest authority, we shall thank You in advance for any favours that your Government may grant to this urgent appeal for the white race.

I am very sincerely SIR-

C. F. Simons

P.S.

Trustee and Director Universal Collegeum.

WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF FRIENDS WHO WILL ASSIST US IN AUSTRALIA.

SOLE AIM, RELIEF, COLONISATION AND REGENERATION WITH MUTUAL HELP, SERVICE AND CO-OPERATION!

A FREE HEBREW GENTILE UNION, WITH POSITIVE NO POLITICAL NOR SECTARIAN AIMS!



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27/604


7th March, 1927.

Dear Sir,

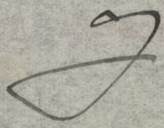
Your communication of the 31st January addressed to the Honourable T. Paterson, Minister for Markets and Migration, regarding your desire to send to Australia certain people now residing in Palestine has been referred to me.

I can only confirm what has previously been advised you in connection with a similar letter forwarded by you to the Board of Trade, Ballarat. This Office is unable to grant any facilities for the migration to Australia of the people in whom you are interested.

Yours faithfully,


Deputy Director.

Mr. C. F. Simons,
Trustee U.C. Friendly Society,
Universal Committee, JERUSALEM. PALESTINE.



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JERUSALEM, PALESTINE

CHEQUES CROSSED
TO BARCLAY'S BANK

JANUARY 31/27.

The Honourable

T. Paterson.

DEAR SIR;-

A large number of people in Palestine desire to go to Canada or Australia to take up land for colonisation; Most of them are trained Farmers who would like to settle in groups; As their means are not very great we would like to make inquiry in regard to Government-assistance ? We have also a number of Tradesmen and Domestic workers who would like to go to Canada or Australia to engage in their respective work.

We have been informed that the above countries prefer the class of immigrants to which we refer and would appreciate any assistance You may be able to give us and help You may extent.

Thanking You in advance for the above, I am very sincerely-

Yours very truly-

C. F. Simons.

Trustee U.C. Friendly Society.

*Refers to the Development
& Immigrant Comm.*

*Sept 27/27
Melbourne*

*C. F. Simons
Ph. Secy
28/2/27*

S/W

4th February, 1927.

27/604.

Dear Sir,

Your communication of the 22nd December last, addressed to the Board of Trade, Ballarat, Victoria, has been referred to me. I very much regret to say that this Office is unable to grant any facilities for the migration to Australia of the people in whom you are interested.

You ask to be supplied with the names and addresses of organisations who might help you. I feel sure, however, that any letter sent to them by you would only be referred to this Office.

The bodies you mention are :-

The Secretary, Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria,
424 Collins Street, Melbourne,

The Secretary, Farmers' Union, 123 William Street, Melbourne.

The Secretary, Chamber of Manufactures, 312 Flinders Street,
Melbourne.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, William Street, Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Director

Messrs. C.F. Simons & Coy.,
Clarks Building,
JERUSALEM,
PALESTINE.

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"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all other things shall be added unto you!"

HELP.

SERVICE. CO'OPERATION.
COLONISATION & REGENERATION.

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C. F. SIMONS & Co.

REPRESENTING CO'OPERATIVE GROUPES.

C/o MEA SHEARIM

JERUSALEM, PALESTINE

Date Dec. 22/26.

Board of Trade,
Ballarat Vict A.

Gentlemen;-

After reading the enclosed letters & appeal,

we shall be much obliged to Your Board to help us to get
in touch with the following parties;-

I-With the Secretary of any agricultur organisation in Your
(district.

II-The Farmers' Union.

III-Manufacturers' Association;

IV-Other large employers of labour.

We have also a large number of Orphans under 21 years, for
which we desire good & respectable homes.

All our applicants pass through our English schools before
they become eligible to go abroad. We shall be very thankful
for any assistance YOU may be able to give us and to bring us
in touch with above parties.

Thanking You in advance, we are very sincerely-

C.F.SIMONS & CO. CLARKS BLDG.

JERUSALEM.

"LET JERUSALEM COME INTO YOUR MIND".

Jeremiah 51.6-45-50-etc.

"FOR SHE IS THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING".

Matthew 5.35-

MORE REPRESENTIVES WANTED ABROAD.

Universal
A. I. Committee.
Intercontinental
Press-Bureau.
Theopathic Research.
United Israel Pioneers.
Lovers of Zion.
Philadelphian Hospice.
H. L. Elder Trustees.
Reference Publishers.
Pilgrim & Settlers
Information Bureau, etc.
Always Enclose Foreign
postage for information.



Interdenominational,

Inter-Racial

RELIEF
COLONISATION
&
REGENERATION

אֱלֹהִים גַּם יְהוָה:
UNIVERSAL-COMMITTEE

A HEBREW GENTILE — UNION IN CHRIST

Jerusalem, Palestine.

HELP
SERVICE
&
CO-OPERATION

B.No 300. December 1st 1926.

Excellent Friend;-

Peace be unto You !

Last January God provided a parcel of land only three miles from the center of Jerusalem, for the selfsupport of Hebrew Christian converts as soon as they become exiled from their own people when they confess Christ. The above land was to be occupied before winter and the value paid for improvements before taking possession.

Appeals were mailed abroad to many listed Friends and thanks to the glory of God, two thirds of the needed money materialised. Since then we have been short of the remainder to take possession & occupy the land with worthy & willing converts for their own selfsupport.

The rainy & cold season is soon at hand and recently another TWENTHY - - - Families were driven to exile for their faith in Jesus as the Messiah; The majority of them fled to a little arab-village near Jerusalem and some of them live in semi-caves with their families in dire want. The teacher was stoned & windows broken etc; Nine were arrested, but later released at the request of the teacher. Many other worthy & willing Hebrew Converts at Jerusalem at Jerusalem suffer severe hunger for lack of employment, while the above mentioned parcel of splendid orchard land remains idle for the sake of a few hundred pounds to purchase tools & provisions untill self-support can be reached.

The long financial crisis in Palestine has put hundreds out of employment and therefore it becomes doubled hard for hebrew-converts to find work.

Under such circumstances many converts drift again from Christianity;

While others become infidels or are snared by the Bolshevic. Common Beggar-charity is refused by most saying, we want work!

Thousands of pounds of pounds are spent annually by imprudent sect-representatives making often many mere pretenters as converts, while the sincere & earnest are in despair of life. Responsible parties in Palestine realise that only comprehensive relief measures can counteract the radical agitator and bring stability in place of chaos. Palestine imports seven-times the value of its exports, and therefore is unable to care for itself under such pressure.

The undersigned Trustee therefore proposes to organise a large group of refugees as a Co-operative society, duly registered by the authorities to operate as a building & agriculture unite for mutual selfsupport with families in dire need.

Donations or Loans should be mailed at once to Trustee C.F. Simons,
c/o Universal Committee - Jerusalem Palestine.

Cheques should be crossed & written out to the Trustee U.C.

BARCLAY BANK, (Colonial) Jerusalem Palestine.

Loans should be made at least for one year to give the refugees and Managing Committee the opportunity to repay such loans which are guaranteed by substantial land value.

In the face of such critical & urgent conditions the undersigned begs not to despise to forward small donations because, the donor is unable to send what He considers a worthy offering for the poor of the holy city.

Considering the above facts in the light of truth, the undersigned remains sincere to the task in his hand & respectfully solicits Your response with

Salutes from the City of David !

C. F. Simons.

Clarks Building;
Jerusalem Palestine.

Trustee of Universal Committee;
Representing Hebrew Christian Council.

Issued by C. F. Simons & Co, representing Universal Committee,
Jerusalem Palestine, with Peace from her;

INTER-CONTINENTAL-WIRELESS

Number

EMPLOYMENT ! Is it possible ?

By Kohen Saroby;

DO YOU KNOW that in Jerusalem hundreds suffer hunger and live in deepest poverty, earning from two to four shillings per day; This only during a portion of the year, while the cost of living is in few articles less, than in America & Great Britain, where the capacity for earning is from five to ten times the wages in Palestine.
DO YOU KNOW, that Palestine must import six-times the value of its exports ?

Do You know, that in the midst of dire poverty, people who profess to know the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, with others who play politics with patriotism- live in wanton waste & luxury, while at the same time they profess love for the poor ?

DO YOU KNOW, that neither politic nor religions of our times have a solution for such critical conditions ? Do You know, that only practical & logical co'operation can relief conditions and avert Gods wrath on the selfcomplacent? and do You know that Jerusalem is the chosen place of God for righteousness ?

Then help us, not with beggar charity, but with selfsupporting employment; Help us to organise on co'operative bases to build-cultivate & produce our own needs ! Dont send us orators on religion & politics who ignore what they preach in practise ! We can read Gods word ourself and remain loyal to the most High, while these counterfits produce Infidels & Bolshevics in our midst; Shame on YOU, who support such frauds !

Give us a chance to prove our willingness for labour & service !
THEN SHALL WE SEE IN TRUTH GOD MANIFEST IN YOU;

S E L A H !

K. Saroby.

Special Bulletin;

A Petition & Appeal to emigrate to-

any part of the world, specially to America, S. Africa & Australia, where filed at Jerusalem Office of the Universal Committee on following conditions and contract;-

Hundreds are willing to leave Palestine at once to earn £ 4-0-0 with found per month abroad; Most of them are healthy, strong and never shy to work, willing to accept any kind of employment, though many have trades and professions.

We therefore solicit Your co'operation abroad to open a door of employment for them either in Palestine, or in Your own city or country abroad. You can help us here by loans or donation to organise co'operative groups to build-cultivate-produce our own needs in Palestine, or You can assist us to send willing & faithfull workers over to your own blessed land, away from starvation & want.

We have what You may need or want & by helping us You may help yourself !

General & Vigorous Agriculture workers;
Female Office & Domestic Help;
Trades with Professional Assistance.

Get in touch with large employers and help us to relief Palestine of her REFUGEES from Europe! Do not waste your energy on beggar charity! What we need is Your co'operation in a practical way. Your council-advice & help on such bases will be appreciated by us all with sincerety.

C. F. SIMONS & CO.

CLARKS BLDG, JERUSALEM PALESTINE.

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"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things shall be added unto you !" Mt: 6.33.

U.C. - INTERDENOMINAL RELIEF-COLONISATION-REGERATION.
- INTER-RACIAL HELP-SERVICE-CO'OPERATION.

No 354.

F.EMPLOYMENT APPEAL.

DEAR FRIEND;-

Conditions in Palestine have been far from satisfaction, the last year; Hundreds are without work & living on forced charity. Among the many are a majority who would take any kind of work in place of charity and go to any part of the world to find it. The financial conditions are very bad and prospects for the better seem to be far off.

PALESTINE HAS NO SELFSUPPORTING INDUSTRIES, and imports six-times the value of her exports. The rush from Europe has overcrowded the Holy Land and many splendid young men, worthy & willing at anything desire to find work in Canada-Australia or elsewhere. A large Petition has been filed - in the office of Universal Committee, for the purpose to emigrate to Canada or Australia, and the undersigned seek to find employment under contract for the best of the Petitioners.

WE THEREFORE APPEAL TO YOU-

to use your influence to find employment for large or small group of---

Agriculture Workers;
Mill & Timber ""
Railway & Road ""
Factory & Shop ""
Hotel season-groups;
Office & Domestic Help;
Trade & Professional Help.

Each groupe is trained in english well and willing to leave at once on contract for any period of time. The free fare advanced on minimum wage of £ 4-0-0, per month with found shall not be deducted from the wages. Such deductions shall be only made from those who receive above the minimum wage. The best qualified workers are selected for each contract. Most men are under 35 yrs of age, in good health; Many have various trainings & experience to be usefull on groups to which they are selected. The Director of our headoffice is well acquainted with needs & requirements of the great North-West & has also been in close touch with large industrial & commercial enterprises of the South-East & is at present Organiser & Promoter of Co-operative groups in Palestine. Therefore, Dear Friend You may help us either to promote enterprise & employment of worthy & willing souls, to further their selfsupport by Donations or Loans, or assist us to relief Palestine of her present over load from European refugees, by helping us to find employment, or interest others to employ such worthy souls in your own homeland abroad.

The undersigned representatives shall with much appreciation await Your council, help or donation and assure You of GODS BLESSING upon what ever good deeds You shall choose for the needy of the Holy Land.

We remain most sincerely-

C.F. STONE & CO.

CLARKS BLDG JERUSALEM, PALESTINE.

LET JERUSALEM COME INTO YOUR HAND!

THEY SHALL PROSPER THAT LOVE HER! Ps.

Return to C. F. Simons & Co, representing Universal Committee,
of Jerusalem Palestine,

NOT KNOWN BY
LETTER CARRIER
BALLARAT

Board of Trade
~~Ballarat~~ Vial
Melbourne
Australia

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things shall be added unto you" !

Prof. Kuma Balla -

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F/W

The Secretary,
Department of Home and Territories.

Forwarded for favor of attention and
reply direct to the President of the Far Eastern Jewish
Central Information Bureau, Harbin, China.

I also enclose copy of a previous
communication, addressed to Sir John Monash, by the President
of the Bureau, together with my reply thereto of 2nd February.

Deputy Director.
1st June, 1925.

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Дальневосточное Еврейское
Центральное Информационное Бюро
(Дальевциб)

для эмигрантов
и пострадавших от войны, погромов
и стихийных бедствий,

ХАРБИН.

Телегр. адрес: *Дальевциб Харбин.*

The Far Eastern Jewish
Central Information Bureau
(Daljewcib)

For Emigrants,
Sufferers of War, Pogroms
& other calamities,
HARBIN.

Telegr. address: *Daljewcib Harbin.*

ווייט-מורח'שע אידישע
צענטראלע אינפארמאציע-ביורא
(דאליעו ציב)
פאר עמיגראנטן
און נעלעטעטע פון מלחמה, פאגראמען
און סטייכאישע אומגליקן.
כארבין.
טעלעגראם-אדריס: דאליעו ציב כארבין.

BENTLEY'S CODE USED.

בית עמנו בית זך בארזן און
При ответе просим ссылаться на
In your reply please refer to

N^o 12825

Harbin, China 26th March, 1925

COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRATION OFFICE
Central Administration,
Brooks Building, 65 Elizabeth Street,
Melbourne, Australia.



Gentlemen;-

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour No. 25/924 of 2nd Febr. 1925, in reply to our letter of the 7th Dec. 1924 to General Sir John Monash, contents of which have been duly noted.

By the way we will highly appreciate if you favour us with your authoritative explanation of the following:

How are qualified the subjects of those states which prior to the War formed parts of the Russian Empire, such as Poland, Lettland, Lithuania etc. Are subjects of these countries treated as Russians in the matter of acquiring a visa to Australia, or are they entitled to obtain the necessary permission from the local British Consulates without a special permission from the Home and Territories Department in each individual case, as is the matter with nationals of other European countries?

Also kindly advise us herewith whether applications for admission by Russians are to be sent to the Home and Territories Department directly or only through the British Consulate in the place of the may-be-emigrants residence?

Thanking you for your kindness in advance, we beg to remain,

Yours faithfully

H.M. Circle-Livshitz
PRESIDENT

H.M. Circle-Livshitz



HF/ES

25/924

2nd February 1925.


Dear Sir,

Sir John Monash has referred to me your letter to him of the 7th December, concerning the contemplated migration to Australia of about 100 Russian Jews. In reply, I very much regret that this Office is unable to grant the persons in question any facilities for migrating to Australia.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Director.

The Secretary,
The Far Eastern Jewish
Central Information Bureau,
Harbin,
CHINA.



HF/ES

25/924.

2nd February, 1925.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd January, forwarding one from the President, Far Eastern Jewish Central Information Bureau, Harbin, China, respecting the contemplated migration to Australia of a number of Russian Jews, I beg to inform you that it is regretted that facilities cannot be granted by this Office for the migration of these people to Australia, and I am communicating with the organisation accordingly, mentioning your name, as desired, in my reply.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Director.

Sir John Monash, K.C.M.G.,
22 William Street,
Melbourne.

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SIR JOHN MONASH.

"IONA," ST. GEORGE'S ROAD, TOORAK.

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22 WILLIAM STREET, MELBOURNE.

CENTRAL 8292.

23rd January, 1925.



The Secretary,
Commonwealth Immigration Office,
Dept. of Home & Territories,
65 Elizabeth St.,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed communication from an Emigration
Organization in China has been addressed to me.

I shall be obliged if you will be so kind as to
have it acknowledged and dealt with, mentioning my name in
your reply.

Yours faithfully,

John Monash

(Enc.)

Дальневосточное Еврейское
Центральное Информационное Бюро
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כארבין.

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Nº **II855**

Harbin(China) 7th Dec, 1924

To His Excellence, General SIR JOHN MANASH, Esq,
Chief of the Australian Army,
(Member of the Jewish Congregation)
SYDNEY N.S.W.

Your Excellence;-

We know from the American press of your favorable attitude towards the immigration of Australia and your sympathy with those distressed numbers of Jewish emigrants who have been detained in ports all over the world on their way to America and other countries. This makes us bold in applying to you with our request on behalf of the local would-be-emigrants.

This city being the only point of transit in the Far East for Russian Jews intending to leave for America via Western American ports, a great number of would-be-emigrants (about 2000) are gathered up here at present. However, owing to the new American immigration law, only a very few of them will succeed in being admitted to the U.S. As to the rest, we are doing our best to relieve their unbearable position and to give them the possibility to migrate to other countries than the U.S. Thus, some of them will go to Canada, some to South America, South Africa, etc.

At the same time there are among these emigrants (about 100) persons who come to the conclusion to migrate to Australia. They applied to the local British Consul, who replied, however, that the permission is to be issued by the central Authorities of your country. We do not think it should be so difficult for these persons to get at their aim, since, so far as we have known, there exist no special immigration restrictions in your country. The persons referred to are mostly qualified workers: technicians, ~~painters~~, butchers, painters, tailors, boot-makers etc.

However, as a rule persons wishing to enter Australia must produce evidence that they are able to support themselves in their new home, or that they have there relatives who are ready to take care of them on their arrival. But, unfortunately, the persons, on whose behalf we are writing, have not relatives in Australia who would undertake to relieve the obtaining of visas, by sending them affidavits, interceding with the Immigration Authorities etc.

We, and still more the would-be-emigrants, would be highly grateful, if YOUR EXCELLENCE find it possible to intercede with the Immigration Authorities of Australia to permit the issuance of a JOINT VISA FOR 100 PERSONS OF THIS CITY, or otherwise admit into Australia

Дальневосточное Еврейское Центральное
Информационное Бюро (Дальевциб), Харбин.

The far Eastern Jewish Central
Information Bureau (Daljewcib), Harbin.

ווייט־מזרח'שע אידישע צענטראלע
אינפארמאציע־ביראָ (דאליעוועציב), כארביין.

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about one hundred of our jewish emigrants. This would greatly relieve the situation, by the solving of the problem in connection, at least, with some of the local emigrants and by decreasing their numbers in this city.

We hope to be honored with YOUR EXCELLENCES KIND REPLY, for which we thank you in advance,

Respectfully yours,

H. M. Circle-Livshich
PRESIDENT

H. M. Circle-Livshich



MANAGER

M. Birman M. Birman

SECRETARY

Sh. Halperin Sh. Halperin

To His Excellence,
General, SIR JOHN MANASH Esq

Chief of the Australian Army

SYDNEY N.S.W.

Телегр. адрес: ДАЛЬЕВЦИБ
Харбин.

Tei. address: DALJEWICIB
Harbin.



NEW SETTLERS' LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA.

NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION.

SUBJECTS OF THE LEAGUE:

- To welcome all new settlers:
- To assist them in securing employment:
- To afford them advice: and, generally,
- To promote their welfare and settlement:
- To co-operate with all church organisations and other associations having similar objects.

President:
Sir ARTHUR RICKARD, K.B.E.

General Secretary:
F. J. G. FLEMING.

The Deputy Director,
Commonwealth Immigration,
SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,

I enclose you herewith copy of letter received from P. H. Moses of Sydney in reference to boys from the St. George's Jewish Settlement, London, for your information.

I have forwarded the letter on to the State Immigration Department, asking them to deal with it direct.

Yours faithfully,

F. J. G. Fleming

GENERAL SECRETARY.

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10 DEC 1924

PHONE B1623.

LABOUR AND INDUSTRY BUILDING. 23/2099

132 GEORGE STREET NORTH.

SYDNEY, 8th December, 1924

DENTIST PHILLIP MOSES.

45 Market Street,

SYDNEY, 5th December, 1924.

The Secretary,
New Settlers' League,
SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,

I have been in communication with the Manager of the St. George's Jewish Settlement, London, re sending boys to Australia. I think the above institution would be prepared to put boys on the boat in London with their fare paid to Sydney if we were prepared to meet the boys upon arrival, house them and find positions for them.

The Manager wants to know:-

1. Would boys of from 12 to 16 be welcome in Australia?
2. Would it be necessary that boys between the ages of 16 and 20 to arrive with capital, and if so, what is the minimum requirement?

If I can satisfy my friend in London that the boys will be welcomed, looked after, and placed here, I feel sure he will select boys of the right type.

If your League does not deal with this matter could you put me in touch with anyone who would be likely to do so?

With best wishes, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Phillip H. Moses.

PRIME MINISTER.

C.400/8/64

JM/ES



Melbourne, JUL 21 1923

Memorandum for -

The Official Secretary
in the United States of America.

Jewish Farmers in U.S.A.

With reference to your memorandum of the 7th June, No.23/284, on the abovementioned subject, I desire to inform you, for your own information, that it is not considered advisable to take any steps to encourage the persons in question to emigrate to Australia. It might be explained to your enquirers that the assisted immigration activities of the Commonwealth are for the present being confined mainly to the introduction of farmers, farm workers, and domestics from Great Britain, and that the British Government is co-operating with the Commonwealth Government in facilitating such migration.

The Jewish Correspondence Bureau might also be advised that the Commonwealth Government is not in a position at the present juncture to offer any special encouragement to Jews at present resident in the southern European countries to migrate to Australia.

Secretary.

The Deputy Director,
Commonwealth Immigration Office.

Referred in connection with your memo.
of 19th July, No.23/2099.

H. Deane
Secretary,
Prime Minister's Dept.

HF/S

23/2099

19th July 1923.

MEMORANDUM:-

The Secretary
Prime Minister's Department.

I am in receipt of your memorandum of the 12th July, No. C400/8/64, forwarding copy of one from the Official Secretary to the Commissioner of Australia at New York, regarding the question of the migration to Australia of Jewish farmers from the United States.

In reply I would suggest that it is inadvisable to offer any encouragement to the persons in question to migrate to Australia, and I would recommend that the Official Secretary at New York be advised in terms of the attached draft.

For Deputy Director.

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DRAFT MEMORANDUM TO THE OFFICIAL
SECRETARY IN U.S.A.

Jewish Farmers in U.S.A.

With reference to your memorandum of the 7th June, No. 23/284, ~~on~~ the abovementioned subject, I beg to inform you for your own information that it is not considered advisable to take any steps to encourage the persons in question to emigrate to Australia. It might be explained to your enquirer that the assisted immigration activities of the Commonwealth are for the present being confined mainly to the introduction of farmers, farm workers, and domestics from Great Britain, and that the British Government is co-operating with the Commonwealth Government in facilitating such migration.

The Jewish Correspondence Bureau ^{might} ~~can~~ also be advised that the Commonwealth Government is not in a position at the present juncture to offer any special encouragement to Jews at present resident in the Southern European countries to migrate to Australia.

PRIME ^{WT/WW} MINISTER.

C. 400/8/64.

The Deputy Director,
Commonwealth Immigration Office.



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Secretary.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
Office of the Commissioner.



44 Whitehall Street,

NEW YORK

June 7th, 1922.

No. 23/284.

Memorandum for -
The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Dept.,
Melbourne.

Jewish Farmers in the U. S. A.

At the request of the Jewish Correspondence Bureau of New York I forward herewith certain printed matter in regard to Jewish Farmers in the U.S.A.

The Jewish Correspondence Bureau are anxious to send numbers of Jews as farmers to Australia. The people are at present in the Southern European countries. I should be glad to be advised of the attitude of the Commonwealth Migration Bureau towards this proposal.

(Sgd) D. B. EDWARD

Official Secretary.

Jews Branching Out as Farmers

75,000 of Them in U. S.
Now, Says Agricultural
Society Report

Till 1,000,000 Acres—Value of
Holdings \$100,000,000—Make
Specialty of Poultry Raising

By Harold M. Weeks

There is no gibe of the anti-Semitic propagandist which the American Jew resents more deeply, in all probability, than the taunt that the Jew is a "non-producer"—a parasite who can only cling and feed on a developed civilization, to the basic structure of which he does not contribute.

"Did you ever hear of a Jewish farmer?" ask those who fling the gibe.

"Yes!" the Jewish Agricultural Society, Inc., is prepared to answer, from its headquarters at 174 Second Avenue, says that there are 75,000 Jewish farmers in the United States.

It goes on to state that these Jewish farmers till 1,000,000 acres of land and that the value of these holdings is more than \$100,000,000. Every State in the Union has its quota of Jewish agriculturists and their number is increasing rapidly, according to the report. These are statistics which will bring comfort and pride to American Jews when they are criticised as a race of "parasites" or told that their projects for the reclamation of Palestine will fail because they are by nature incapable and unfit as farmers.

Though by no means conceding that the Jew is handicapped in agricultural pursuits because of his race, Gabriel Davidson, general manager of the society, grants that his people are subject to certain unfavorable conditions.

"Save a negligible few," he writes, "our clients are 'back to the landers', in the sense that they come from the city and from city occupations. Writing of 'back to the landers' as a class, the dean of a large agricultural college gives it as his opinion that 'quite a large percentage do not remain after having become accustomed to the methods of city living.' Yet this is the class from which Jewish farming material must be moulded and out of which the Jewish farming movement is being built up."

That the movement is progressing is shown by the fact that when the society began its work twenty-three years ago there were only 216 Jewish farm families, whose total owned acreage was only 12,029.

During the last three years 5,133 applicants registered with the society's farm settlement department. Farms were found for 468 of these and 224 received loans from the society to help them purchase their land. In selecting these farms 1,639 farming tracts offered for sale were inspected, for it was found that the city bred Jews had to be protected in what was for them a new venture.

Most Successful in Poultry Raising

Jewish farmers, the report says, have shown their greatest proficiency in poultry raising. In the international egg laying contest conducted at Vineland, N. J., the entries in which are restricted to 100 leading poultrymen of the United States and other countries, four of the contestants were Jewish farmers, two of whom had had no experience prior to their settlement by the society two years ago.

The society's extension department has a staff of experts who by a system of itinerant instruction convey to the Jewish farmer information on all branches of farming. Their work falls into two main classifications: instructing the man who has been recently placed on the land and keeping the farmer who has become experienced up with the latest developments in agriculture.

During 1922 these extension experts visited 1,607 farmers, held 134 meetings, demonstrations, field days, and extension schools in ten States. The society has given seventeen agricultural scholarships to sons and daughters of Jewish farmers. Also general agricultural information is disseminated through the *Jewish Farmer*, the only Yiddish agricultural magazine in the world.

Not only is the society interested in starting men out as independent farmers but it encourages young Jewish men to become farm laborers that they may be trained for independent effort. We

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75,000 JEWISH FARMERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

New York, April 3 (Jewish Correspondence Bureau). A total of 75,000 Jews in the United States are engaged in farming, according to the report of Gabriel Davidson, general manager of the Jewish Agricultural Society, an agency of the Baron de Hirsch foundation just made public.

This figure represents the total number of Jews living on and making their livelihood from American farms.

The total farm acreage owned by Jews in 1900 was 12,000 whereas now there are over a 1,000,000 acres farmed by Jews. The total value of the farms is estimated at not less than \$100,000,000. The growth represents almost a complete gain since the year 1900. At that time only 216 families representing a Jewish population of between 800 and 1,000 persons were engaged in farming. The rapid growth of farming has been a pleasant surprise even to the Jewish Agricultural Society, according to Mr. Davidson and disproves the contention that Jews can not make good in agriculture.

The growth has not been of the "mushroom" type, says the report. In fact, the Jewish Agricultural Society has discouraged those whom it deemed of a type not suitable to the work.

The majority of the Jewish farmers ~~xxxxxxx~~ are to be found in the tier of states embracing New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. Many of the Jewish farmers in New York also turn their homes into summer boarding houses for the summer months, says Mr. Davidson, but they are bona fide farmers nevertheless, their farms averaging up to a standard as high as that of their non-Jewish neighbors.

In Connecticut, Jewish farmers have made a signal success at tobacco raising. In New Jersey, a number of them have met with exceptional success at potato growing, but according to the report, perhaps poultry raising has been the forte of the Jews. At the Sullivan County (New York) a Jewish farmer carried off the first prize in poultry.

"Our farmers", says the report "have shown a decided aptitude and remarkable proficiency in poultry farming. It seems to be the type of farming most easily learned by city people. Among those we settled in the last few years hardly any failure can be recorded. As a group, their progress surpasses our most optimistic expectations. It is worth while to give a few instances.

"Probably the most conspicuous case is that of S. L., a young man who was utterly devoid of farming experience when he bought a good but neglected farm in Metuchen, New Jersey, in January 1921, for \$10,600. He built poultry houses and raised a flock of two thousand highly producing birds. Within this short time the farm has been developed into a model poultry plant, visited often by the poultry students of the New Jersey Agricultural College. L's annual income is well over \$5,000. Although a newcomer, he organized the Middlesex County Poultry Association, of which he became the first president. L. entered a pen in the International Egg Laying Contest at Vineland, N.J."

"The growth of agriculture among Jews is further shown," says Mr. Davidson, "by the appearance during the past years of two textbooks on agricultural subjects written in Yiddish.

"A number of Jewish farmers have been recipients of prizes at the agricultural fairs. At the recent fruit show held in Atlantic City, a Jewish farmer from Cape May received a prize for his fruit exhibit.

"The agricultural profession, as distinguished from the business of farming, includes some eminent Jewish scientists, such men as Dr. Jacob G. Lipman, the dean of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station; his brother, Dr. Charles B. Lipman, professor of soil physics in the California Agricultural College; Dr. J. J. Taubenhaus, plant pathologist in the Texas Agricultural College,

Joseph A. Rosen, formerly superintendent of the Woodbine Agricultural school, who introduced "Rosen Aye" into this country, Ezra Levine, plant pathologist and muck specialist in the Michigan State Department of Agriculture - all men who rank among the foremost of "American agriculturists".

"The Jew fresh from the city has no background of farming, coming as he does, principally from countries which have barred Jews from owning land", says Mr. Davidson. "Yet the so-called inadaptability of the Jew to farming is largely imaginary. Some of the Jewish dietary and religious laws such as those relating to the necessity of 'Kosher meat' make it hard on the conforming Jew to live in the isolation so frequently characteristic of the farmer", Mr. Davidson declares, "but these difficulties are not insuperable"

The Council of Jewish Women has helped to brighten the path of the Jewish farmwife by organizing the farm women into clubs. Young folks leagues, parents teachers associations and domestic science clubs have been organized.

Notable progress has been made particularly in the sanitation work on the farms. A report of the New York State Department of Health some years ago bitterly condemned the sanitary conditions of the Jewish farmers in the Ulster-Sullivan districts. The change that has taken place in the interim principally through the efforts of sanitation bureau of the Jewish Agricultural Society which is under the direction of Dr. Edward Goodwin, is shown by a recent issue of the State Board of Health News, containing a glowing account of the conditions prevailing now.

Health posters, exhibits of the latest sanitary devices, lectures on hygiene and sanitation have combined, to convert what were probably the worst farms in New York from the sanitary point of view, to probably the best or at any rate the equal of the best in sanitary conditions.

A Farmers' Sanitary League has been organized there, probably the only farm organization devoted entirely to sanitary purposes in the country.

In the Labor Placement Department, nearly thirteen thousand young men have been given at least temporary work on farms, through the instrumentality of the Agricultural Society. A large number of those place have since bought their own farms.

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PRIME MINISTER.

The Superintendent,
Commonwealth Immigration Office.

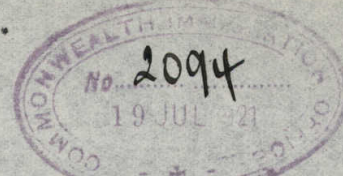


✓ Referred for information

S. Strahan

Acting Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.
15/7/21.

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Commonwealth Offices,
Australia House,
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LONDON. W.C.2.

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8th June, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
MELBOURNE

I have to confirm my telegram of 19th May last,
reading as follows :-

"Secretary of State for Colonies forwards memorandum submitted by deputation from Joint Foreign Committee of Jewish Board of Deputies and Anglo-Jewish Association asking facilities for emigration to Dominions of Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe. Memorandum shows that for some time past there has been panic stricken exodus of Jews from Ukraine into Poland and adjacent countries. They are fugitives from an indescribable anarchy and carnage; also during last few weeks anti-Bolshevik Jews from Russia have been entering Poland in large numbers estimated at present 40,000 refugees in Poland and number daily being augmented. Polish Government are stopping further influx and notified Jewish community unless refugees can be emigrated westward within three months they will be expelled across Eastern frontier. Joint Committee desire save refugees from being thrust back into starvation and further pogroms. They are arranging emigration to South America and other countries and intend having situation reviewed by Geneva Conference August. They hope that British Dominions will help by accepting some of these emigrants. Jewish organisations named will organise the necessary machinery and bear cost sheltering, transporting, receiving and settling emigrants. Secretary of State for Colonies desires views Australian Government on matter",

and to acknowledge your reply of the 1st June (which was duly communicated to the Colonial Office) as under:-

"With reference your telegram 19th -
immigration Jewish refugees. Immediate requirements
of Commonwealth — being met by immigration ex-service men whose
passages paid by British Government in addition to
large number of British immigrants which are being
nominated relative and friends here. Immigration
of refugee Jews would involve exclusion of some
these British immigrants Commonwealth Government
therefore regrets inability to co-operate.

I enclose, for your information, copy of a
letter of the 13th May from the Colonial Office, and enclosure,
on which my cablegram was based.

(SGD.) M. L. SHEPHERD

Enc.

OFFICIAL SECRETARY.

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DOWNING STREET

13 May, 1921.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Churchill to request you to inform the High Commissioner that a deputation from the Joint Foreign Committee of the Jewish Board of Deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association has communicated the enclosed memorandum regarding facilities for the emigration to the over-sea Dominions and elsewhere of Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe.

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2. In asking for facilities in respect of the Dominions the deputation laid stress on the fact that no financial responsibility would be involved, upon any Dominion Government and that emigration would only be arranged in the case of Jews of good character for whose passages and settlement Jewish organisations in this country or in the Dominions would be able to provide.

3. Mr. Churchill fully recognises the difficulties inherent in these proposals - but in view of the position in which these refugees are now placed, he felt it his duty to transmit the memorandum for consideration. He would accordingly be glad if the High Commissioner would ascertain the views of the Commonwealth Government on the matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(SGD.) HENRY LAMBERT.

The Official Secretary,

Commonwealth of Australia.

JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE
of the
Jewish Board of Deputies
and the
Anglo-Jewish Association.

2, Verulam Buildings,
Gray's Inn, LONDON. W.C. 1
May 6th, 1921.

MEMORANDUM.

1. The Joint Foreign Committee desires to bring to the notice of the Rt. Hon. The Secretary of State a grave emergency which has arisen in connection with the emigration of Jews from the devastated regions of Eastern Europe and to solicit the help of His Majesty's Government in dealing with it.
2. For some time past there has been a panic-stricken exodus of Jews from the Ukraine into Poland and the adjacent countries. They are fugitives from an indescribable anarchy and carnage which has already blotted out hundreds of centres of Jewish life and has more than decimated the local Jewish population. During the last few weeks the signing of the Treaty at Riga has opened the Eastern frontier of Poland and the Jews in Soviet Russia, who are predominantly traders and, consequently, anti-Bolshevik, have also been streaming in large numbers westward. Unfortunately, owing to passport difficulties with the United States and the total inadequacy of the number of permits available for Palestine, the proportion of these emigrants who could be sent forward was relatively small and many of them are now swelling the congestion of emigrants of all nationalities who are to be found in the chief seaports of the Continent from Danzig to Constantinople. In Poland the result is that a very considerable residuum, amounting to more than 40,000 souls, has been held up in the country and it is being

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daily augmented by fresh contingents.

3. In these circumstances the Polish Government have found themselves constrained to take measures not only to protect the country from a further influx but also to remove the refugees who are now crowded on Polish territory and who threaten to become an intolerable burden on the already severely strained resources of the Republic. They have accordingly notified the Jewish Community that unless the refugees can be emigrated westward within three months they will be expelled across the Eastern frontier. In this emergency the Polish-Jewish Community have appealed to their co-religionists in the West to find fresh outlets for the emigrants and they have suggested to us to bring the facts before His Majesty's Government with a view to securing facilities for the settlement of a proportion of the emigrants in the Overseas Dominions or other British Colonies.

4. It is unthinkable that the refugees should be thrown back into the ravaged and desolate lands from which they have escaped and where they can only starve amid the ruins of their homes if they do not fall victims to further pogroms. The Joint Committee feel that no effort should be spared to save them. They quite realise that to remove the whole body of refugees within the period stipulated by the Polish Government is impracticable but they believe that it may not be difficult to obtain an extension of the period if the Polish Government can be assured that the necessary outlets will be found and that an adequate machinery for the methodical removal of the refugees will be set on foot.

5. The Joint Committee have two suggestions to offer:-

A. They propose, in agreement with other Jewish Organisations, and notably the Jewish Colonisation Association, to bring the whole question of Jewish emigration before the Emigration Commission which will meet at Geneva

Geneva in the autumn under the auspices of the International Labour Office and they will be prepared to help the Commission in devising and working a scheme for the control and regulation of European emigration. They trust that under such a scheme the present difficulties in Poland may be finally overcome and any possibility of their recurrence may be obviated. But this will take time and meanwhile some humane alleviation of the situation in Poland is imperative.

- B. For this purpose the Jewish Colonisation Association have already entered into negotiation with certain of the South American Governments and they hope to be able to arrive at a satisfactory understanding with them. If to this could be added the opening of some of the British Dominions and Colonies to a fixed number of selected emigrants under suitable guarantees, the Joint Committee think that the present emergency would be tided over until such time as the Geneva Commission can complete its arrangements for dealing comprehensively with the whole problem of European emigration.

6. Accordingly the Joint Foreign Committee venture to submit this latter suggestion to the favourable consideration of His Majesty's Government and to ask that they will kindly bring it before the Governments of the Dominions and other suitable Colonies. The Jewish Organisations will, of course, be prepared to organise the necessary machinery for sheltering transporting, receiving and settling the emigrants. Indeed, some work to this end has already been accomplished by the Jewish Colonisation Association.

7. Should it be possible to arrive at an understanding with the Colonial Governments the Joint Committee trust that the Imperial Government will be able on their part to authorise such a relaxation of the restrictions on passport

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visas and transmigrant permits as may be necessary to facilitate the emigration and to assure its success.

(Sd) Robert M. Samuel.

President, Jewish Board of Deputies.

(Sd) Claude G. Montefiore.

President. Anglo-Jewish Association.



PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT. 400/56/
DECODE OF CABLEGRAM.

FROM Prime Minister's Dept. TO High Commissioner's Office.

DATE RECEIVED DATE SENT 1st June 1921.

"Referring to your telegram 19th May, 6085: immigration of Jewish refugees. Immediate requirements of Commonwealth being met by immigration ex-service men whose passages paid by British Government, in addition to large numbers of British immigrants which are being nominated by relatives and friends here. Immigration of refugee Jews would involve exclusion of some of these British emigrants. Commonwealth Government therefore regrets inability to co-operate."

The Superintendent,
Commonwealth Immigration Office.

memo. of 23/5/21,

Referred for information in connection with your

J. Strahan
Acting Secretary. 1.6.21



The Secretary.

Prime Minister's Department.

I am in receipt of the cablegram from the High Commissioner's Office of 19th May, No. 6085, copy of which was forwarded with your Minute of 21st May, respecting a Memorandum submitted by a deputation from the Joint Foreign Committee of Jewish Board of Deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association asking for facilities for ^{the} immigration to the Dominions of Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe.

I am leaving Melbourne this afternoon for Adelaide, and have not had time to give this matter the full consideration which it deserves. My first impression, however, is that it would be unwise for the Commonwealth Government to concern itself with immigration of any considerable number of refugee Jews from Eastern Europe at the present time. The presence of increasing unemployment in the Commonwealth to-day makes difficult the immigration even of British people from the United Kingdom, and I fear that public opinion will be outraged by any proposal to bring in these unfortunate Jews.

I saw a good deal of Russian Jews on the new settlements in Palestine, where they have proved themselves to be thrifty, rural people. At present, however, we are offered more British ex-service men - passages paid by the British Government - than we are able to absorb. To welcome the Jews would be to exclude the British, which I do not think would be justified. In any case, I feel certain that the States would be opposed to the proposal.

If you concur in this view I would suggest that the following cable be sent to the High Commissioner:-

"Your telegram 19th May, 6085, immediate industrial prospect
"in Australia somewhat unsatisfactory stop There is already
"limited amount unemployment which is restricting immigra-
"tion of ex-service men whose passages paid by British
"Government stop To immigrate refugee Jews would be to
"exclude British exsoldiers stop Proposal therefore
"impracticable and Commonwealth Government regrets inability
"to co-operate"

Superintendent.
23/5/21.

DECODE OF CABLEGRAM.



FROM High Commissioner's Office. TO Prime Minister's Dept.

DATE RECEIVED 20th May 1921. DATE SENT 19th May 1921.

"6085 - Secretary of State for Colonies forwards memorandum submitted by deputation from Joint Foreign Committee of Jewish Board of Deputies and Anglo-Jewish Association, asking facilities for emigration to Dominions of Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe.

Memorandum shows that for some time past there has been panic stricken exodus of Jews from Ukraine into Poland and adjacent countries. They are fugitives from an indescribable anarchy and carnage.

Also during last few weeks Anti-Bolshevik Jews from Russia have been entering Poland in large numbers.

Estimated at present 40,000 refugees in Poland and number being daily augmented.

Polish Government are stopping further influx and have notified Jewish Community that unless refugees can be emigrated westward within 3 months they will be expelled across Eastern Frontier.

Joint Committee desires save refugees from being thrust back into starvation and further pogroms.

They are arranging emigration to South America and other countries and intend having situation reviewed by Geneva Conference August.

They hope that British Dominions will help by accepting some of these emigrants.

Jewish Organisations named will organise the necessary machinery and bear cost sheltering, transporting, receiving and settling emigrants.

Secretary of State for Colonies desires views of Australian Government on matter."

The Superintendent,
Commonwealth Immigration Office.

Referred for favor of comment. Copy
has been sent to Home and Territories Department.

H. Strahan
Acting Secretary.
21/5/21.

Migration

Jewish Refugees from
Eastern Europe

S/103.

28th April, 1927.

Mr. C. F. Simons,
Trustee and Director Universal Collegeum,
Universal Committee,
Jerusalem,
PALESTINE.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th March,
addressed to the Deputy Director, Immigration Office, Melbourne,
I desire to explain that for the present the assisted migration
activities of Australia are being confined to the introduction of
settlers from Great Britain, and it is regretted that no facilities
can be granted in connection with the migration to the Commonwealth
of the people in whom you are interested.

Yours faithfully,

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Acting Secretary.

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